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Applicants: I. HIYAMA et al.  
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For: LIQUID CRYSTAL DISPLAY DEVICE  
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SECOND SUPPLEMENTAL RESPONSE

Assistant Commissioner for Patents  
Washington, D.C. 20231

January 16, 2003

Sir:

The present second supplemental response is being submitted in the above-identified application at the Examiner's request to supplement the amendment of October 24, 2002, the supplemental response of November 26, 2002, and the Information Disclosure Statement of November 26, 2002, which were submitted in response to the non-final Office Action of May 24, 2002, which replaced the incomplete final Office Action of April 16, 2002, and restarted the period for response.

The final Office Action of November 27, 2002, is acknowledged. However, as discussed in the petition to the Commissioner under 37 CFR 1.181(a)(1) filed on December 30, 2002, the finality of the Office Action of November 27, 2002, is premature and the Office Action of November 27, 2002,